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RE: Expansion of Emergency Declaration FEMA-3295-EM

Dear Mr. Castillo:

On September 11, 2008, the President determined that the emergency conditions in the State of Louisiana resulting from Hurricane Ike beginning on September 7, 2008, and continuing, were of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant an emergency declaration under the Stafford Act. This declaration named the four specific parishes of Calcasieu, Cameron, Jefferson Davis and Vermilion. The effect of the storm was more widespread than reflected in this declaration and affected additional parishes that were forced to take emergency actions in order to minimize the loss of life and property. Through a Major Declaration, FEMA-1792-DR, on September 13, 2008, and subsequent amendments, the President recognized the full impact of the storm and authorized Individual Assistance and Public Assistance (Categories A and B) for fourteen (14) affected parishes, with an Incident Period of September 11, 2008.

The effect of the Major Declaration and designated Incident Period does not recognize the emergency measures taken by ten of the fourteen (14) parishes, which like the original four (4) parishes, were heavily impacted by the storm. In order to allow those parishes the ability to participate in the Public Assistance Program for the emergency protective measures taken prior to landfall of the storm, please add the following ten (10) parishes to the President's September 11, 2008 Emergency Declaration (FEMA-3295-EM): Acadia, Beauregard, Iberia, Jefferson, Lafourche, Plaquemines, St. Mary, Sabine, Terrebonne and Vernon.

This clarifies my September 18, 2008, correspondence, which requested an adjustment to the incident date for the Major Declaration. Adding the above parishes to the Emergency Declaration will resolve my request.

Your support of this request is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely

Paul W. Rainwater
Governor's Authorized Representative